

106TH CONGRESS  
2D SESSION

# H. R. 4432

To increase the legal age of smoking from 18 to 21.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 11, 2000

Ms. DEGETTE introduced the following bill; which was referred to the  
Committee on Commerce

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## A BILL

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1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3       **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4       This Act may be cited as the “Tobacco-Free Youth  
5       Act”.

6       **SEC. 2. INCREASE IN LEGAL AGE OF SMOKING.**

7       Section 1926 of the Public Health Service Act (42  
8       U.S.C. 300x–26) is amended by striking “under the age  
9       of 18” each place it occurs and inserting “under the age  
10      of 21”.

1 **SEC. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

2       The amendments made by section 2 shall take effect  
3 with respect to the first fiscal year beginning after the  
4 date of the enactment of this Act, except that in the case  
5 of a State the legislature of which does not convene a reg-  
6 ular session in such fiscal year or the next fiscal year, such  
7 amendments shall take effect with respect to the third fis-  
8 cal year beginning after such date.

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